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Inventors: Nobuhisa MIYAKE et al. ) Group Art Unit:  
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CARBONIC ESTER )

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Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 3 of this paper.